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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I was born and raised on Ryer Island, and I have lived and farmed here all of my life.

My dad farmed the north end of Ryer when I was little and I can remember him saying that he hated to see Prospect Island flood because it made pressure on the Ryer levees which caused the land to stay wet for so long and he could not plant any early crops. For a fact I know it affects the ground on Ryer because I have been farming on Ryer for over 40 years.

I farm south of Highway 220 on Ryer and the ranch I farm has a water Well, the pipe sticks up about 3 feet above ground, and when Prospect floods this Well runs water over the top and even where I farm my ground stays wet longer because of the water on Prospect makes pressure on the land and the water doesn't drain out as fast. When Prospect is not flooded the Well does not run over and the land dries up faster.

There is no doubt that Prospect Island is a problem to Ryer Island when it is flooding especially on the north end of the Island.

I'm very concerned about the problem, as are all the rest of the farmers here on Ryer Island.

A Concerned Farmer
Thank You

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